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SUBJECT: DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL COMPLETION
SUBCONTRACTS

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1. SYRIAN PRESS JULY 6 REPORTED SIGNATURE OF L.S. 80
MILLION (\$20.5 MILLION) CONTRACT BETWEEN DIRECTORATE GENERAL
OF CIVIL AVIATION AND GOVERNMENT'S GENERAL CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY (GCC) FOR COMPLETION OF AND EQUIPMENT FOR MAIN
PASSENGER TERMINAL AT DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.
CIVIL WORKS ON TERMINAL COMPLETED TWO YEARS AGO, BUT
FRENCH FIRM SPIE BATIGNOLLE WANTED CONTRACT COST INCREASE
TO COMPLETE JOB. SYRIANS REFUSED AND HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING
COMPLETION OF PROJECT WITH SEVERAL FIRMS.

2. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION FIRM
WILL MEAN NECESSITY FOR FOREIGN SUBCONTRACTORS. MIN
TRANSPORT NO'MAN ZEIN, WHO IS WELL TRAINED TECHNOCRAT
AND CIVIL ENGINEER, TOLD EMB OFF JULY 8 THAT GCC WOULD
NEED CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE IN CARRYING OUT PROJECT
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AS COMPLETION OF TERMINAL AND CONSTRUCTION

PROGRAMMING REQUIRED ACTUALLY MUCH MORE DIFFICULT THAN
ORIGINAL CIVIL WORKS.

3. USDOC AND INFO POSTS: PLEASE NOTIFY INTERESTED
U.S. FIRMS, INCLUDING MARKWARD AND KARAFILIS, DETROIT;
BRODSKY, HOPF AND ADLER, NEW YORK; AND INTERNATIONAL
PLANNERS AND DEVELOPERS, NEW YORK, WHO WERE THE THREE U.S.
COMPANIES ORIGINALLY SHORTLISTED FOR AIRPORT TENDER
(REFTEL).
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